

**FINAL AMENDMENT TO THE  
2004 ACTION PLAN COMPONENT OF THE  
FIVE-YEAR CONSOLIDATED PLAN  
AS PREPARED FOR THE ERIE COUNTY/TOWN OF WEST SENECA  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) CONSORTIUM**

**A. BACKGROUND**

In order to insure timely expenditure of federal Community Development Block Grant funds, the Erie County Consortium Project Selection Committee instituted a new procedure in 2002. The latter authorized the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning to undertake a mid-year amendment process. This insures that projects included in the Consortium's annual action plan have a reasonable chance for completion prior to January 31 of the following year. This represents the date that the County program must satisfy the federal "timeliness of expenditure" test, wherein only 1.5 times or less the annual grant amount should remain available for expenditure.

Given the above, the following amendment to the 2004 Action Plan Component of the 2000-2004 Erie County Consolidated Plan is recommended for submittal to the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

**B. AMENDMENT**

Reference should be made to the enclosed table entitled "Summary of 2004 Mid-Year Amendment." The latter lists each new project, funding amount, and source of funds. It also notes projects that are being revised to accommodate the 2004 amendment.

A description of each project is also enclosed.

**C. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS**

A public comment period on the amendment is being conducted from 8:00 A.M. on Monday, July 26, 2004 to 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 24, 2004. Copies of the draft amendment are available at the following locations:

Erie County Department of Environment and Planning; Public Libraries in the Village of Depew, and the Town of Boston; and City Halls of Lackawanna and Tonawanda. The draft amendment is also available for review on the Erie County website ([www.erie.gov](http://www.erie.gov)).

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Deputy Commissioner

## PUBLIC NOTICE

First Amendment to the 2004 Action Plan Component to the 2000-2004 Five-Year Consolidated Plan as prepared for the Erie County/Town of West Seneca Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Consortium and Erie County/Town of Hamburg/Town of West Seneca HOME Consortium.

### A. **SUMMARY:**

Erie County and the Towns of Hamburg and West Seneca have prepared a 2000-2004 Consolidated Plan (CP) for CDBG, HOME, and ESG for the following participating municipalities: Cities of Lackawanna and Tonawanda; Towns of Alden, Aurora, Boston, Brant, Clarence, Colden, Collins, Concord, Eden, Elma, Evans, Grand Island, Hamburg, Holland, Lancaster, Marilla, Newstead, North Collins, Orchard Park, Sardinia, Wales, and West Seneca; Villages of Akron, Angola, Blasdell, Depew, East Aurora, Farnham, Gowanda, Hamburg, Lancaster, North Collins, Orchard Park, and Springville.

The CP serves the following functions: a planning document for the jurisdiction built on a public participation process beginning at the citizen level; a combined application for federal funds under three (3) of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) formula grant programs; a strategy to be followed in carrying out HUD programs; and an action plan for each of the five years included in the planning period.

The overall goals of the CP are: to strengthen partnerships among all levels of government and the private sector, including for-profit and not-for-profit organizations; and to enable these "partners" to provide decent housing, establish and maintain a suitable living environment and expand economic activities for every American, particularly very-low-income persons and the homeless.

The following lists proposed amendments to those projects listed in the Action Plan Component for the year 2004.

1. 2004 Amendment
  - a. Transfer \$100,000 from Erie County Housing Rehabilitation Program to Irish Gulf Streambank Stabilization Project – 2004 – Town of Boston

### B. **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:** Public comment period on this amendment will be held from Monday, July 26, 2004 to Tuesday, August 24, 2004.

1. Copies of the amendment are available at the following locations: Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1053, Buffalo; Public Libraries in the Villages of Akron, Angola, Blasdell, Depew, Gowanda and Hamburg; the Town of Boston; City Halls of Lackawanna and Tonawanda, and Hamburg Town Hall. The amendment can also be viewed at the Erie County web site [www.erie.gov](http://www.erie.gov) under the Recent Updates section.

### C. **CONTACT:** For further information, please contact Paul J. D'Orlando at the Erie County Department of Environment and Planning, 95 Franklin Street, Room 1014, Buffalo, New York 14202, at (716) 858-2194, and [dorlandp@erie.gov](mailto:dorlandp@erie.gov).